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SUBJECT: FREQUENCY OF ARAB VISA APPLICATIONS

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1. INCREASED PRESENCE YOUNG EGYPTIANS AND ARABS IN DENMARK DUE TO GREATLY REDUCED STUDENT FARES ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR BY MOST AIRLINES FLYING BETWEEN MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE. REDUCED FARE, APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD REGULAR FARE, AVAILABLE TO ANYONE UNDER AGE 26 AS WELL AS THOSE AGE 26-30 WHO CAN PRESENT STUDENT CREDENTIALS.

2. EGYPTIAN PASSPORTS ISSUED MUST BE VALIDATED FOR TRAVEL TO BEARER'S INTENDED DESTINATION. HOWEVER, THOSE TRAVELING TO ANY EUROPEAN COUNTRY RECEIVE BLANKET AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL TO EUROPE. THIS AUTHORIZATION

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STUDENT PASSPORTS AND PAGE 5 REGULAR PASSPORTS.

3. LIKEWISE, AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL TO US MUST APPEAR IN PASSPORTS. QUOTE USA UNQUOTE WRITTEN BELOW ENDORSEMENT FOR TRAVEL TO EUROPE WITH ARABIC NOTATION OF DATE AUTHORIZATION GIVEN. USA TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT GENERALLY MORE DIFFICULT TO GET AS RESULT GOE WISH TO HALT BRAIN DRAIN.

4. WHILE SECURITY CONCERNS OVER FREQUENT RETURNS OF VISA APPLICANTS CERTAINLY VALID, THEY ARE NOT UNUSUAL IN CONTEXT APPLICANTS' MIDDLE EASTERN BUREAUCRATIC EXPERIENCE IN WHICH FREQUENT VISITS OFTEN NECESSARY FOR CONCLUSION ANY MATTER.

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